Historical buildings and monuments

†165. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of buildings and monuments of national importance in the country;

(b) the number of these monuments and buildings which are protected;

(c) whether it is **a** fact that in the face of increasing pressure due to lack of required staff and resources with Archaeological Survey of India, help is being sought from the private sector for protection of national monuments of the country; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) There are 3667 monuments/sites which have been protected as of national importance.

(c) and (d) Considering the enormity of the task of conservation, preservation and maintenance of monuments/sites of national importance, the Archaeological Survey of India needs additional resources in terms of manpower and funds. Government has set up a National Culture Fund for channelising private and corporate funds for activities in the field of culture including conservation of monuments. The details of ongoing NCF projects is given in Statement.

Statement

The NCF Projects under implementation

SI. No	Name of the Monument	Name of the sponsoring agency	State	Fund earmarked for the Project
1.	Taj Mahal, Agra	Indian Hotels Company Ltd. (Tata Group)	Uttar Pradesh	Rs 1.87 crores
2.	Jantar Mantar	Apeejay Surendra Park Hotels Limited	NCT Delhi	Rs 10 lakhs
3.	Monuments at Lodi Garden	Steel Authority of India Limited	NCT Delhi	Rs. 1.00 crore
4.	JaisalmerFort, Jaisalmer	World Monument Fund	Rajasthan	$ 4,39,000 & Rs. 4 crores by ASI
5.	Sun Temple, Konark	Indian Oil Foundation	Orissa	Rs. 13.08 crores

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